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SUBJECT: SRI LANKA REMAINS OPPOSED TO UN HUMAN RIGHTS
RESOLUTIONS

REF: SECSTATE 116263

Classified By: AMBASSADOR PATRICIA A. BUTENIS. REASONS: 1.4 (B, D)

11. (C) On November 17, Ambassador delivered reftel points urging Sri Lanka to vote against "no-action" motions and for substantive resolutions on human rights abuses in Iran, Burma, and the DPRK to MFA Foreign Secretary Romesh Jayasinghe. Jayasinghe promised to convey our concerns to his principles but explained that Sri Lanka would maintain its consistent position of not supporting country-specific resolutions. He argued that more subtle diplomacy was more effective than a "megaphone" approach.
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